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LETTER DATED 4 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to bring to your attention the text, in French and English, of the Declaration on Yugoslavia, adopted by the European Community and its member States at their extraordinary ministerial meeting at Brussels on 3 September 1991.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official Security Council document.

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Annex

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DECLARATION ON YUGOSLAVIA

The Community and its member States welcome the fact that all Yugoslav parties have accepted the goals and instruments for a solution to the crisis as contained in the EC Declaration of 27 August 1991 and that, by signing the Cease-Fire Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding on the extension of the activities of the EC Monitoring Mission, they have demonstrated their commitment to cooperate to that end.

The Community and its member States call upon all parties to respect strictly their obligations under the Cease-Fire Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding. On that assumption, the Community and its member States will convene under their aegis a conference on Yugoslavia in the Peace Palace in The Hague, on 7 September 1991, and at the same time set up an arbitration procedure.

Also acting under that assumption, the Community and its member States are prepared for an immediate further enlargement of the monitor mission and for the implementation of its extended mandate in Croatia. This will include participation by a number of other CSCE participating States. At their meeting of 6 September, Ministers will have an occasion to assess the situation.

The Conference will bring together the Federal Presidency of Yugoslavia, the Federal Government and the Presidents of the republics. The Community and its member States will ensure the chairmanship of the Conference, the proceedings of which will be conducted on their behalf by a chairman on the basis of a mandate from them. They are pleased to state that Lord Carrington has accepted to chair the Conference.

The Conference will adopt arrangements to ensure peaceful accommodation of the conflicting aspirations of the Yugoslav peoples, on the basis of the following principles: no unilateral change of borders by force, protection for the rights of all in Yugoslavia and full account to be taken of all legitimate concerns and legitimate aspirations.

In the framework of the Conference, the Chairman will transmit to the Arbitration Commission the issues submitted for arbitration, and the results of the Commission's deliberations will be put back to the Conference through the Chairman. The rules of procedure for the arbitration will be established by the arbitrators, after taking into account existing organizations in that field.

Through the CSCE chairmanship and secretariat, the European Community and its member States will keep the other CSCE participating States fully informed of the proceedings of the Conference on Yugoslavia.

The Community and its member States are prepared in principle, and subject to the consent of the Yugoslav parties, to continue their monitoring activities, as long as will be needed for the Conference to be successful. They expect the Yugoslav parties to fulfil their obligations accordingly.

The Community and its member States hope that a normalization of the situation will permit them to put into effect as soon as possible the financial protocols so as to contribute to the indispensable economic recovery of the country.

The Community and its member States are ready to consider providing emergency assistance to the victims of violence.